

BORDER PATROL TAKES SUSPECT INTO CUSTODY

San Diego, Calif - The Border Patrol has taken a suspect into custody in connection with the June 24, 2002 deadly car accident in which 7 people tragically lost their lives.

The suspect, Alfredo Alvarez Coronado a citizen and National of Mexico, was charged in a criminal complaint that was in filed in federal court this morning. It is alleged that Alvarez led the group of undocumented migrants through the hills and illegally into the United States. It is also alleged that Alvarez is responsible for loading more than twenty people into a van, which later crashed on eastbound Interstate 8.

Alvarez, who suffered only minor injuries in the accident, was being treated for his injuries at a local area hospital. After interviewing Alvarez and several survivors of the accident, Special Agents assigned to the United States Border Patrol became suspicious and took him into custody late Thursday evening.

Alvarez is now being held in border patrol custody on felony charges of alien smuggling (8 USC 1324).